

Iron County Register.

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IRONTON, : : : DECEMBER 21, 1882.

Schedule of Passenger Trains.

LEAVES IRONTON. ARRIVES AT
No. 1—St. Louis, 8:32 A. M.—Iron, 12:50 P. M.
No. 2—Iron, 2:50 A. M.—St. Louis, 6:50 A. M.
No. 3—St. Louis, 8:32 P. M.—Iron, 12:47 A. M.
No. 4—Iron, 2:52 P. M.—St. Louis, 5:07 P. M.

Closing of Mails.

Regular Mail—South, daily, 8 A. M.
Express Mail, daily, 10 P. M.
Sunday, 10 P. M.
Regular Mail—North, daily, 10 P. M.
Express Mail, daily, 10 P. M.
Monday, 10 P. M.
Tuesday, 10 P. M.
Wednesday, 10 P. M.
Thursday, 10 P. M.
Friday, 10 P. M.
Saturday, 10 P. M.
C. R. PECK, P. M.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Young Neutomas next Monday—and don't you howler, no engineer.

Dining came down yesterday, be-

repaired, and in behalf of Chas. A. Downs, now in jail charged with killing Peter Prough.

Pink McCarver's shop has been refitted, re-roofed and re-painted. In consequence it is greatly improved in comfort and appearance.

Born, on Monday, December 18th, 1882, to Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Graham, a son—and a 14½ pounder at that. We congratulate all the parties concerned.

John Butts is plugging away up in St. Charles county, and appears to be doing well. Nevertheless, we advise him to marry that Dutch widow—farm, featherbeds, and all.

C. W. Russell last Saturday presented us with one dozen "Acme" potatoes which weighed twelve pounds and fifteen ounces. They are fine, white and smooth, and mighty good for eatin'.

The Piedmont Banner says that "by the aid of the press and horse whip, the tramps have concluded that Piedmont isn't just the latitude that suits their diabolical system, and have emigrated north as far as Ironton."

St. Vaughn has a barber shop now in full operation at Graniteville, and we understand is doing a good business. He has placed Tom Contee in charge, and proposes to make it as nobby a shop as there is in the South-east.

If there are greater nuisances than those substitutes for culverts on Main street, we would just like to have them pointed out. We hope the coming spring will see the last of them in the next, well-kept little city of Ironton.

On such a day as this (Tuesday) 'tis hard to realize that "spring would be but gloomy weather if we had nothing else than spring."

Cold, wet and gloomy, it stands out in repugnant contrast to a day of balmy air and bright sunshine.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Chester, Iron Mountain & Western Railroad is advertised in this issue. The early building of this road is now confidently looked for, and when finished it will be the best paying railroad in the State.

Gustavus Delfass, Esq., has returned from the city and his family will take up their residence here this week. Mr. D. desires to call the attention of the people to the fact that he will give lessons on the Piano, Guitar, etc., at reasonable rates, and trusts to render satisfaction in all cases.

Our venerable friend, Dr. M. Thomas, of Bellevue, called in to see us last Thursday. He is in fair health for so old a man, but is troubled somewhat with asthma. He is full of pluck, however, and doesn't propose to let his age interfere with his usefulness. May he live a thousand years!

The Christmas Ball at the Academy of Music will come off according to programme. The invitations have been issued, and preparations are being made to insure its success. If you want to enjoy Christmas night go and dance yourself happy and then partake of the supper furnished for the occasion.

Jud. Chambers has the best and neatest photograph gallery in Southwest Missouri. All the appointments are new and of the latest improved styles, and he has had a skylight made to suit exactly the requirements of the situation. If you want a good picture go to him: he is master of his trade, and does his work quickly and well.

Last Friday Capt. Byers received a dispatch to the effect that his wife, who is visiting relatives in Philadelphia, was about to die. He of course left at once, for her bedside. Monday night, a dispatch was received here from him stating that she was very much better, and, D. V., would be well in due time.

Personal.

Mrs. Metcalfe returned on Saturday from St. Louis.

Mr. W. R. Edgar spent several days of last week in St. Louis.

Mrs. Langdon has returned, after several weeks' visiting in Dunklin county.

Miss Nellie Austin has returned home, after spending several weeks in Dunklin county.

Mrs. Emma Carver and children and Mrs. Ella Fouey are expected here Saturday, to spend the holidays with Mrs. Crafton.

Mrs. J. Hookmuth, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Sophia Wheatland, for several weeks, left on Tuesday for St. Louis.

American Hotel arrivals: J. D. Nally, H. H. Platt, F. L. Christian, C. W. Bennett, A. J. Stewart, Jas. P. Dawson, Geo. F. Coates, W. F. McIntire, F. G. Blackwell, G. Duffess, and wife, St. Louis, Mo.; A. Pack, C. Pack, Cleveland, Ohio; John Skinner, Philadelphia, Pa.; H. Turner, Poplar Bluff, Mo.; Geo. Pratt, Troy, Mo.; T. A. Donohue, Jas. McGrath, Graniteville; Jas. Shreve, New Orleans, La.; L. M. Combs, Detroit, Mich.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures Piles. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. Schulte & Co., Pilot Knob, Mo.

FELLED FROM BEHIND.

Peter Prough's Last Spree.

A DECANTER FOR A CLUB.

Last Saturday night, about ten o'clock, Peter Prough, standing outside of Down's saloon, was approached by two friends, who shook hands with him and passed the usual salutations, after which Prough, who was under the influence of liquor, asked them to come inside and take a drink with him. The three went into the saloon, but one of them—Jerome Newberry, not desiring to drink, slipped away and hid in the crowd of people in the room. Prough started in search of him, swearing that he must drink, whether or no, when Downs' son George, a boy aged about 16 years, stepped in Prough's way, asking, "Who are you looking for—for me?" To this Prough returned some slighting answer, when George slapped him in the face and then struck him. Prough squared himself, pushing the boy backward and then stepping back a pace himself, in regular boxing style, with his fists in position. Thereupon C. A. Downs, the owner of the saloon, came from behind the counter, stepped up behind Prough and struck him on the head over the right ear, with a heavy cut-glass decanter half-filled with liquor. The blow broke the bottle into a thousand pieces, and felled Prough to the floor, from which he never rose again, except when lifted by his friends. He was raised from the floor and placed in a chair for a few minutes, and then taken out into the open air. As he did not recover he was carried over to Bishop's hardware store, where a light was procured and an examination made of the wound. Dr. Patton was sent for and the senseless man taken to Mrs. Wright's restaurant where he was put to bed. When Dr. Patton came and looked at the wound, he pronounced it a bad one, although the skull was not fractured. Just how bad, it was then impossible to determine, as the victim was greatly under the influence of liquor. All night long Prough lay as if asleep, breathing regularly. About eleven o'clock next morning he died without a struggle.

Downs was taken into custody at once. A coroner's jury was summoned, who viewed the body, after which Drs. Goulding and Patton made a post-mortem examination of the body. The skull was found to be not fractured, but underneath the spot where the blow had fallen, a clot of blood three inches in diameter and five-eighths of an inch thick was found, showing that death resulted from compression of the brain.

The coroner's jury concluded its investigation on Monday evening and brought in a verdict in accordance with the facts as above stated. The jury was composed of the following persons: Wm. Hillis, W. T. Gay, W. R. Newman, A. Begley and E. D. Ake. After the post-mortem, the body was turned over to the friends of the deceased, who had been informed of the terrible event, and it was placed in a coffin and taken to the home of the deceased, and given burial the next day.

Prough leaves a wife and two children, beside numerous other relatives, to mourn his untimely taking off. He was about 35 years old, and noted as a rather fractious character when drinking.

Downs is in jail, awaiting the result of a preliminary examination, which will probably be held within a day or two.

Having resumed their studies, the members of the Clonian again send greeting to distant friends. The next meetings will be held on Dec. 26th and Jan. 2d, but after that on Monday evening of each week, at the residence of Mrs. D. A. Gresson. Though the number was small, last meeting was very pleasant and instructive. A careful review, conducted on the Chautauquan plan, proved that last winter's studies were well remembered. After a few general remarks on the brilliant reign of Henry V., the subjects for the evening were taken up. Mrs. Markham gave a very excellent account of the first part of Henry VI's reign, which Mrs. Gresson continued.

Miss E. S. Delano gave the thrilling history of the "Maid of Orleans," a topic of absorbing interest. Mrs. Moser related an account of the martyrdom of John Huss and Jerome of Prague; which was the occasion of a little discussion as to the causes which led to the Reformation, a topic which will be treated by Rev. J. Marlatt in a future meeting. The beginning of the War of the Roses, and the prominent characters in Henry VI's reign, will be discussed next evening.

S. G. F.

IRONTON, Mo., Dec. 18, 1882.

To Dr. T. R. Goulding—
SIR—In last week's REGISTER is a copy of your resignation as a Director in the Ironton School Board, for the reason that you could no longer perform your duty (as a Director), "without laying aside all feelings of self-respect." We regret to have you find it necessary to resign, and will be much obliged if you can give through the REGISTER the reasons in detail, for so doing.

YOUR CONSTITUENTS.

CONCERT AND BALL—The Workmen's Club of Graniteville will give a Concert and Ball at that place on Saturday night of this week. The programme is an excellent one, and the public may rest assured that a fine entertainment will be served to them that night. After the Concert a Ball will be given, when all who desire may participate. Millers' String Band will furnish the music for the occasion. Admission, 50 cents. Ladies free.

DIED—At Pilot Knob, December 1st, MARGARET BIRTLEY, wife of William F. Birtley, aged 81 years. The remains were taken to the Dunmore Cemetery, Pa., for interment.

Mr. Birtley is the "talking-boss" on Pilot Knob. He has not been a long-time resident of this section, but has the sympathy of all who know him.

Those who want something better than the cheap toy, can get it at Farrar's Pilot Knob.

A few more Velvet Frames left at Chambers' Gallery. Selling less than cost.

Jewelry of every description, at the Pilot Knob Drug Store.

Stereo views of the Valley for sale at Chambers' Gallery.

Christmas goods at P. K. Drug Store.

Business Review for 1882.

It is not the design of this article to give an inventory of goods or a list of business houses, but to notice changes and improvements and offer a suggestion or two.

During the past year, Mr. Chambers had set up a photograph gallery and notion store, but was burnt out. That the fire did not take the energy and enterprise out of him, is evident from the fact that he has started again in photography. Mr. Chambers is a skillful artist, and his pluck should commend him to a liberal public patronage.

Mr. Garnier has erected a tasty building on Main street, and it is occupied by Mr. S. T. Schneider, a jeweller with a good outfit. There has been a general advance all along the line—an increase in the amount of goods and an improvement in the quality. Our business houses are well stocked up.

In respect to what may be strictly called holiday goods, there is in the ruling stocks a much stronger leaning than formerly to useful articles. There are fewer mere catch-penny affairs. Particularly at J. N. Bishop's and W. F. Wiesner's, where there are nice books to be found. Especially at the latter house: there is a toy-book, called "Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp," which may be studied by grown people. It belongs to the "Spectacular Drama," and is a pictorial illustration of a story in "The Arabian Nights Entertainments." The structure of the book displays real skill.

During the past year, the Academy of Music has been fully fitted up and brought into use, and the neatness of the building and the good order maintained in it have elicited general commendation.

The house of S. G. & W. G. Fairchild has considerably extended its business—quietly and without ostentation, but upon modern approved methods. They advertise liberally, deal in No. 1 goods only, and are as reliable a firm as can be found anywhere. A guarantee from them is "as good as wheat."

Having swarmed and set up a new house in the southern part of the State, the Lopez house has been remodelled and opened in still better style than formerly.

The Bonanza has doubled its room and trebled its business.

"And still there is more to follow."

Our quiet, steady-going houses have held on the even tenor of their way.

The energy of Whitworth, Clark & Co. has overflowed into a new industry: the milling firm of Clark & Crommer, who have purchased an admirable location for a mill near the depot. Mr. Crommer is a man in business circles. Mr. James H. Clark is extensively and very favorably known as a business man.

Some very neat private residences have been erected in the Valley during the past year.

Our schools are in fair condition. The Ironton school, which had some difficulty in obtaining a principal, under the care of Prof. Ebaugh and Misses Markham and Gresson, is to-day in better condition than it has been for the last ten years, except when under the care of W. R. Edgar. The Pilot Knob school is progressing favorably under the care of Commissioner Miller, Mrs. Miller and Miss Tillie Schneider. In the Arcadia school, in charge of Miss Ida Bloch, there has been some dissatisfaction, as that field has always been full of roots of bitterness, making it an undesirable location for any teacher who, like Miss Bloch, has good education and decided views of right. Taken altogether, the school interests of the Valley are improving. It is a hard pull, but matters are on the up grade.

In respect to Pilot Knob, the consolidation into the St. Louis Ore and Steel Company made the business too varied and extensive to be effectively controlled by one man. Mr. Simpson has been added to the management and several very desirable improvements have been developed. Good deposits of mineral have been opened at Buford and Russell mountains. Quite a village of neat houses has been built for the workmen. Artesian wells have been sunk, which furnish a good supply of water. New tramways are being built, and the principal points on the work connected with the central office by telephones. In the mercantile department, Mr. John Schwab, Jr., has been succeeded by Mr. John H. Delano, who, with a brigade of clerks, is kept busy dispensing to a crowded house a well-selected stock of goods. An additional store and a new flouring mill, to be furnished by the Company, are the promises of the near future.

It has been customary for a class of prophets to predict periodically the collapse of the Knob Company, but Time, the infallible test of prophecy, has decided that the name of prophets is Vennor.

With everything fairly prosperous, with full granaries, and ample demand for all the articles of traffic, the outlook is not a gloomy one, and therefore there is nothing inconsistent in our wishing to everybody, in general, and the patrons of the REGISTER, in particular, A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Pilot Knob Items.

But little preparation is being made for Christmas, so far as we notice.

Mr. Wm. Birtley, who a few weeks since went to Pennsylvania to attend to the burial of his lately deceased wife, has returned to his duties at Pilot Knob.

Mrs. S. A. Weidmann, who for several weeks has been in St. Louis visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. G. Warner, has returned to her daughter's, Mrs. F. C. Miller.

If John Buckner does not feed that poor old horse of his better, he cannot be elected to a place in Pilot Knob Town Board again. People don't bestow honors upon those who practice cruelty to dumb brutes.

We believe health is moderately good. Dr. Farrar reports that the population of our town is increasing rapidly: at the rate of six or eight a week. Two black-headed boys at Wm. Arnold's and a fourteen-and-a-half-pound population at some other dwelling, are the latest arrivals.

We are not disposed to indulge in excessive murmuring. Mr. Editor, but the scenes of the last two Sunday evenings on our streets are too disreputable for any town that makes any pretensions to civilization.

Well-dressed people like a quiet Sunday, and have a right to demand that the yelling and outlandish carousing, that took place on two of the back streets Sunday evening after dark, be squelched. We don't know that the authorities are disposed to allow such things, but few persons seem disposed to do such deeds.

ITEMIZER.

From Iron Mountain.

Ed. Register—In his comments upon the subjects discussed at the last meeting of the Arcadia Valley Teachers' Association, Mr. Calahan gives us a little criticism on the manner in which some of the programs were presented and treated. And as I do not believe he fully understands his position, I will offer a few remarks in answer to him, and try to show wherein I believe he is in error. He says that the programs are of two classes—"those that looked to the true objective point in teaching, and those that did not; those that led to system, and those that would result in routine. Of the first named the programs given by Misses Gresson and Markham were good examples, whilst the tendency of the others was to routine."

Now the truth of the matter is this: The programs were placed on the board and discussed, or, I may more properly say, hurriedly enumerated; for there was not much time for discussion. Had there been, Mr. Calahan, as well as others, would have been better informed as to the true use of the programs presented by those whose programs, seemingly, had a "tendency to routine."

There is no member of the Institute, however systematic, that has a keener appreciation of the utility of a well regulated program than your humble servant. In saying this, too, I believe that I speak the sentiments of all the members of the Institute whose programs have a "tendency to routine."

As before stated, the programs were—well, I will say for convenience—discussed, and in that discussion one lady, Miss Markham, I believe it was, said that she carried her program; but in what way was not said. And upon this word carried Mr. Calahan bases his criticism.

Now the question comes up as to how Miss Markham and Miss Gresson vary their programs; whether they meant to vary them as to exercise or with regard to time. There is a difference, you know. If the idea is to vary with regard to studies and exercises, I do not believe he could find one teacher that would disagree with him; even among those who failed to say that they varied their programs. But if the idea is to vary the program as to time upon any occasion, when the difficulties of the lessons, the incapacity or neglect of the pupils, demand it, then we beg leave to submit a long and loud protest. The point to be made here is, Shall we vary the program as to time to help a class that is slow or unprepared? Shall we take the time that justly belongs to one class and give it to another? This is the kind of variation that the "routinists" want to correct, and upon this point—this point of time alone—do they disagree with their friends, the advocates of "system."

As was remarked before, some teachers varied their programs, while others urged the necessity of following them to the letter. I believe both sides were right, and all that was needed was a little more time for discussion. In justice to myself and to those who were classed in the same category, I will say, Give us a little more time before you open upon us another broadside like that given in the last issue of the REGISTER. My motto is, If you have a program, stick to it. Do not vary a minute; go strictly according to program. As it becomes necessary, you may make slight changes in your program; but never, then, only as regards exercises, nor until the school has been made acquainted with your intention to do so.

Commend, O, commend us, Mr. Calahan, to order and system, and please do not whisper "routine" once.

Very truly yours,

H. CLAY DAVIS.

Christmas and no mistake at Pilot Knob Drug Store.

Remarkable Answer to Prayer—Another Triumph of "The Hub!"

HOW AN "IRONTON BOY" CLEARED AWAY THE CLOUDS, TO THE DELIGHT OF OUR FREDERICKTOWN NEIGHBORS, AND LET THEM SEE THE TRANSIT OF VENUS!

From the Fredericktown Plaindealer, now edited by our young friend, Ott Clardy, we clip the following. It says:

The weather was very unfavorable to those who were anxious to observe the transit of Venus yesterday, and it was only occasionally that a glimpse could be obtained by the handlers of smoked glass. It was distinctly seen here between twelve and one o'clock, and the planet appeared on the face of the sun like a black spot the size of a walnut. Observing the unfavorable aspect of the skies in the forenoon, our friend, Judge Emerson, of Ironton, wrote the following, during the progress of court, and after it went the rounds of the lawyers and the Court, it was left on the table of the court room, and we publish it as one of the causes that cleared the skies of clouds and compelled the fair Venus to relent:

Hail, Venus! fair goddess of the skies! Have pity! Thy modesty forego! Thy drapery aside for a moment lay, And permit admiring millions see thy queenly step

Across the luminous pathway of Heaven's rays. Thy abductions in the vapory cloudlets take another day! But on this morn, when all earth is agaze To see Heaven's Queen of Beauty teach all arts of grace, And unfold to Earth the mysteries of the skies—

This once, fair Venus, sweet Venus! This once, the curtain raise! The "Ocean foam" about thee, From whence thou sprang, remove, And let thy fair form and majestic tread, Thy longings, sighings, keepings lovers this once behold!

Neither Jupiter, nor Dione, nor Vulcan, Shall pursue, or see, thy sleep! Relent, fair Venus! a world now for one vision of thee: Oh, open the curtain, lift the veil and let us see!

The astronomers should make a note of this, and when the next transit occurs in the year 2008, they should send to Ironton for a Seer to keep the skies clear! See?

Millions Given Away.

Millions of bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds have been given away as trial bottles of the large size. This enormous outlay would be disastrous to the proprietors were it not for the rare merits possessed by this wonderful medicine. Call at the Pilot Knob Drug Store and get a trial bottle free, and try for yourself. It never fails to cure.

One hundred costly vases, several dozen lappets of every style and quality, autograph albums of all sizes, toilet sets, and toys of every description, at Farrar's, Pilot Knob.

The improved quality of Christmas goods at Pilot Knob Drug Store, is in keeping with the best taste in the Valley.

Go to the Pilot Knob Drug Store, if you want to buy something nice for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

AND ALSO OUR Grand Annual Drawing!

WE HAVE DETERMINED TO SHOW OUR USUAL LIBERALITY!

All persons purchasing \$5.00 worth of goods from December 10th, 1882, to the first of January, 1883, will be entitled to

A TICKET WHICH WILL DRAW A VALUABLE CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Ranging in value from 50c. to \$500! NO BLANKS

Our stock will be found the best, most varied, and our goods are sold at the lowest prices!

Just received a new stock of most beautiful Sacques, Dolmans, Cloaks and Redingotes.

LADIES' Plush Trimmed Sacques, FROM \$3 UP.

We have extensive assortment of Useful and Sensible Goods Suitable for Christmas Presents! CLOTHING, Boots and Shoes

At the Lowest Possible Prices! Remember

—Our Christmas Gifts!—Remember —Our Christmas Gifts!—

MRS. S. LOPEZ, St. Louis Variety Store, Ironton, Missouri.